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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DECREASE CRIME AND MAKE BETTER CITIZENS

Records of Cities Show Decrease of Juvenile Disorders Near Playgrounds.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—"Are the national parks worth while?" asked J. Horace McFarland, president of the seventh annual convention of the American Civic association today in his address before this organization.

"There can only be a negative reply to the query of the subject, unless it be conclusively shown that the national parks add infinitely something of value to the life or resources of the nation. Mere pride of possession cannot justify in democratic America, the removal from development of upwards of 5,000,000 acres of the public domain," he continued.

"The American service park idea is a new world idea, and it is even quite new in the new world; for at the date of the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia, parks in the United States were few in number, small in extent, and largely upon European models. Yet inquiry has developed that in 1907 74 American cities owned 41,574 acres of parks, an average of about four-tenths of an acre to the 100 of their population, and spent upon them that year for maintenance—that is to make them of service to the people—an average of \$91.42 per acre.

"This American service park idea, into which we are inquiring critically as to its true value, its relative efficiency, has its intensive development in modern playgrounds—those first aids to endangered American childhood, of which few examples are found abroad, and not nearly enough in our own country. Our cemeteries, our juvenile courts, and our reform schools have increased more rapidly than the population of the one and decreased the business of the others.

"Chicago, for instance, has notably discovered the truth as to this relation

between crime and disorder and the small park and social center. It is a departing relation; for in 1909 it was discovered that within a half-mile radius of her 12 splendidly equipped and maintained breathing spots, veritable life saving stations in the midst of the sea of industrial strain and stress, juvenile delinquency had decreased 44 percent, while in the same year it had increased 44 percent as a whole.

"Here, then, is the first evidence for the defendant at the bar—the American park idea. The service park, the ordered and supervised playground, set immediately and favorably on the health and the orderliness of the community, and consequently increase materially the average of individual efficiency. In other words, they pay dividends in humanity.

"An adequate park system, looking toward the future of the city, and giving to every inhabitant easy access without expense for transportation to the relief of a spot of green, to the recreation of a playground, is the most profitable investment a city can make. It is profitable in promoting the welfare of the people; it is profitable in providing along its borders increased taxable values. For instance, Kansas City's Paseo, cut through her length, has cleared fully its cost in increased values, and even old Central park in New York has returned to the city more than eight times the total amount spent in purchase and development within 60 years.

"Playgrounds are sometimes, however, on limited city spaces, but always there is at least the attempt to get the blue of the sky opened to the eyes and the heart of the city brings a little of the primal outdoors, and here grows best the love of country which sees with adoration the waving stars and stripes.

"As I hold that in safeguarding and stimulating the essential virtue of patriotism the beauty of the American park stands forth as most of all worth while, I urge that there be an adhesion to the teachings of social disorder, as a

counter-irritant to the saloon, as a reliever for the slum, the American park idea in the playground is most completely justified.

National Park Bureau. Closing his annual address, president McFarland urged the creation of a federal bureau of national parks.

Mr. McFarland advocated government control of all land containing great natural phenomena and declared that "a nation that can afford a Panama canal cannot afford a dry Niagara."

President McFarland said the transmission of the forested district lying between Washington and Baltimore into the Lincoln Memorial National park would be a more fitting tribute to the great liberator than a mere commercial highway.

"The United States leads the world in extent of her national and municipal parks," he said, "and it is only by the establishment of a federal park bureau that the nation can hope to preserve for all time the beauty and healthfulness of these breathing spots."

McFarland on City Lighting. "A well dressed city, like a well dressed man, commands attention and respect," declared C. L. McFarland of Cleveland, O., in an address.

Mr. McFarland was speaking of the benefits of modern street lighting in American cities, and he declared that a "Bright White Way" in any city was the forerunner of business prosperity. Civic pride and civic competition, he said, were largely responsible for the increase in ornamental lighting systems in the cities.

Well lighted streets, said Mr. McFarland, not only have an advertising value to a city, indicating prosperity and progressive spirit, but a benefit in dollars and cents could be traced to them directly.

Mr. McFarland cited instances where a city block, apparently dead, was revived to a live business thoroughfare by heavy traffic when private enterprise provided the illumination.

McFarland Re-elected. Arnold W. Brunner, of New York, in discussing the attitude of the people of Europe toward civic improvement, said Americans gradually are coming around to an appreciation of the necessity for municipal beauty, if only for advertising purposes.

President J. Horace McFarland, of Harrisburg, Pa., and other officers were re-elected.

Smoking sets, \$2 to \$2.75. Bryan Bros. Full measure at Southwestern Fuel Co.

EL PASO PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL

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\$21 Texas street, and to place an underground tank there with a capacity of 500 gallons.

This was granted with the understanding that should it become dangerous to life or property the council may remove it.

Petitions Presented. The petition of 27 property owners protesting against the paving of Virginia street between Missouri and Arizona streets was referred to the street and grade committee.

The petition of Robert Wyle for a fire plug at the corner of Montana and Pecos streets was referred to the fire and water committee.

The petition of Chas. R. Loomis and others, asking for the improvement of the sidewalk in the alley west of Providence hospital on Prospect avenue was denied on motion of alderman Clayton, who said it was vague and the sidewalk not dangerous. He further said the alley intersection which is a little low at present is to be paved.

More Paving Ordered. The El Paso Public Library association, petitioned that the association be relieved of all expense of paving the sidewalk in the alley west of Providence hospital on Prospect avenue was denied on motion of alderman Clayton, who said it was vague and the sidewalk not dangerous. He further said the alley intersection which is a little low at present is to be paved.

An ordinance ordering the paving of North El Paso street from Missouri to California street, was passed, and the clerk authorized to call for bids, to be opened December 25.

Permits for Sidewalks. An ordinance requiring property owners to secure permits from the city engineer, before constructing any sidewalk or curb in the city limits, was passed.

Sanitation. The sum of \$2 must be paid for each 100 lineal feet. Violations of this law are punishable by a fine of \$10.

On resolution \$1500 was transferred from the special fund to the general fund.

The city clerk was authorized to pay W. E. Anderson \$7,830.98, for work done on the sewage disposal plant.

Taxes for Year Levied. An ordinance levying taxes for the year 1911, at the rate of \$1.50, the same as last year, was then placed on its first reading.

The council then took a recess until next morning.

The Mayor's Budget. Providing for the annual expenses of the city, as submitted to the council follows:

Street and Highway. \$21,200
Goose necks \$7,780
Estimated additional arc lights for the year 5,335

Total cost of lighting for year, \$34,315. This appropriation is the same as it was last year.

City Hall Expenses. \$4,000
Books and stationery \$1,200
Printing and ordinances 2,120
Assistant city clerk 2,120
Janitor's salary 950

Total expense for year, \$7,590.

Free Library Expenses. \$2,584
For all purposes \$2,584

Health and Sanitary Department Expenses. \$2,400
Police physician \$2,400

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crease, owing to the opening up of new and extending the grading of present streets.

Park Department. Regular payroll, including all city parks and Washington park, Rio Grande and Magoffin park ways, per year \$8,564

Tools and supplies. 1,000
Trees, shrubs and seed 1,000
Other improvements, such as tool houses, fences and repairs 1,000
Commissioner's salary 2,100

Total. \$13,664
This department carries a much less appropriation this year than last, which we are anxious to keep all parks in good condition.

Engineering Department. City engineer \$2,400
Salaries of instrument men, draftsmen, chainmen and rodmen 10,614
Supplies and instruments 1,000

Total. \$14,016
This appropriation is the same as last year, at which time it was reduced about \$10,000. I am glad to report that this department is well up in its work and stands ready to give grades promptly upon request, and has lived within its budget for this year.

Executive and Legislative. Mayor's salary \$3,000
Four aldermen 7,200
City attorney 2,000
City clerk 2,100
City treasurer 1,800
City auditor and purchasing agent 1,500
City clerk 2,100
Deputy clerk 1,800
Two stenographers 1,800

Total. \$22,392

Sewer Department Expenses. Disposal plant \$4,000
Two engineers, each to be a competent man, \$125 per month, 12 hours per day 3,000
Two men as assistants, \$1.50 per day each 1,035
Fuel oil for disposal plant 2,855
Electricity, gas and water 500
Electric lights for plant 200
Telephones, two 120

Total. \$7,620

Sewer Commissioner. \$1,800
Pumping plant, East El Paso, 1 man, \$14 per week, also driver wagon 726

Two laborers and foreman. 205
Cleaning sewers, etc. 205
Cement, pipe, material used at city hall for running sewers, street departments, and including gasoline for East El Paso plant 1,200

Electricity for Mills building and Sheldon hotel sewers. 450
Electricity to look after motors at Sheldon at \$2.50 per week 130
Estimated cost of 1 1/2 miles sewer pipe, cost during the year 1,104
Cost to lay 3 miles of pipe 7,092
Twenty manholes and flush tanks 800
Cement during the year 500

Total cost for sewer department, \$15,892.
Total cost for disposal plant, 7,620.

Total cost for sewer department and disposal plant, \$23,512. The appropriation for this department is about the same as last year, with an estimated additional cost of \$2,520 for the cost of the sewer and garbage disposal plant.

Water Expenses. Fire hydrants, flush tanks, sprinkling and parks \$30,000.00
The above budget is the same as last year.

Police Dept. Expenses. Chief of police \$1,175
1 chief of detectives and 2 sergeants 110
4 detectives 3960
10 policemen, each 30
26 patrolmen, each 30
1 inspector and 2 drivers 250
era, each 50
2 jailors and P. Burnham, 1 each 75
1 jailer and 1 clerk, each 100
Feeding of prisoners, about 350 4200
Feeding of 4 horses, about 17 384
Light per month, about 17 384
Jury fees and towel service 96

Washington park police. Incidental \$581.04
Total. \$597.52
Less collections of corporation court 17000

Total expense. \$427.52
The above budget is the exact running expenses of this department as it stands today. There has been considerable saving in reducing the force during this year. We have made reduction in this department of about \$25,000, which is as low as we dare make it without endangering the safety of citizens and property.

Blacksmith Dept. All blacksmithing and repair work for all departments of the city, 13000
This is a reduction from last year's appropriation, but we think it will be sufficient for all needs.

Building Inspector's Dept. We and this department so near self sustaining that it will not need an appropriation this year.

Salaries of Weights and Measures. Salary of sealer \$840
Wagon hire and supplies 408

Total. \$1248

Interest and permanent improvement. \$22,148
This is for the purpose of meeting the indebtedness of the city, and is imperative during the incoming year and pay interest.

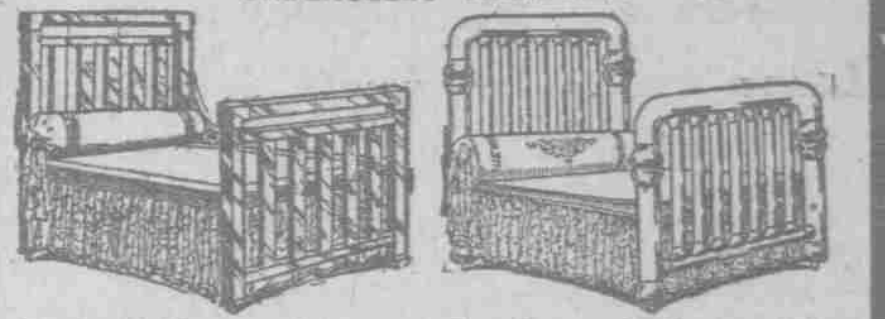
City Schools Dept. State and county appropriation \$54,558
City appropriation 150,000

Total appropriation. \$208,558
This is an increase over last year's budget of about \$22,758, giving this department all the city year revenue over last year on account of increase of tax valuations.

General fund for the various funds and the appropriation for each for the year, follows:
Funded indebted \$14,000
City hall and P. Dept 2,400
City sewers 1,184
Schools 2,112
City hall and jail 704
City hall, jail, No. 3 704
Sewer Extra and Imp 1,408
Schools, No. 2 2,400
Schools, No. 3 2,400
Sewer Extra, No. 4 4,192
Schools, No. 5 2,400
Schools, No. 6 2,400
Water bonds (Comp) 11,000
Paving bonds 14,016
Grading bonds 7,008
School, No. 7, T. 7,008
Sewer disposal 5,000
Garbage disposal 2,520
St. Ext. and Imp. 1,500
Schools, No. 8 2,400
Funded Indebt, No. 9 294,000
Schools, No. 8 50,000
W. W. notes, No. 1 50,000

Total. \$1,872,000
Tax Rate and Appropriations. General fund for expenses of all departments for year: Tax Appropriation \$1,872,000
All departments \$1,872,000
Schools 449
Sinking fund, int. 4245
Total rate and ap- 135,840

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UPRISING AMONG SONORA MEXICANS

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bandit hand which caused the excitement here, has been split up and that one-half went southeast while the other portion went southwest. The soldiers who pursued them into the mountains returned to Cananea without having seen them.

This morning word was brought here by messengers to the effect that a small portion of the band had passed through Janavacachi, about 14 miles southeast of Cananea.

It is reported that Rafael T. Romero, who was prefect of the Hermosillo district and commander of the state rurales until a recent date, and who was arrested at Hermosillo charged with being implicated with the Reyes movement, is at the head of the band. Romero came to Cananea a week ago and has been very bitter in his denunciations of the state and local officials. Ex-Capt. Jesus Buelna is said to have charge of the other half of the band.

Both leaders, it is stated, claim that their move was not at all connected with the Reyes affair and that no other interpretation can be placed on their movement. They are very bitter against Vice governor E. H. Gayou and Prefect Benjamin Hill.

It is known that the leaders of the movement have a large quantity of arms and ammunition which had been smuggled into the country and the investigation of this matter by the officials is what is thought to be the cause of the hasty uprising, as they were not prepared to yet take the field.

MORE ARRESTS ARE MADE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER. Laredo, Tex., Dec. 14.—Antonio Mazon and Severo Villalaz, known as the border warriors arrested last night by federal officers on new indictments charging them with violation of the neutrality laws in connection with the alleged Mexican revolution. The men had previously been indicted on the same charge and were out on bond.

It is understood that other persons have been indicted a second time on charges of violating the neutrality laws.

ANOTHER MOBILIZATION OF ARMY IN TEXAS PROBABLE. Junction City, Kan., Dec. 14.—Rumors which have been put about here indicate that there will be another great war between Texas and Mexico. It is known that the officers at Fort Riley are taking a great deal of interest in the Mexican situation and that rumor it is declared, is unlikely that the war department is contemplating the mobilization of troops for some sort of a demonstration along the border.

A FEELING OF PENDING COLONIA DIAZ. Colonia Diaz, Mex., Dec. 14.—There is some talk of trouble in this part of Chihuahua. The Mexican people fear some coming trouble, but do not seem to know when it is coming. All seem to be loyal to Madero and they think he will do in time as he promised.

SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT HOLD A MEETING. The school board meeting which was to have been held Thursday evening to hear the protests of the East El Paso property owners has been postponed because of the inclemency of the weather and other reasons.

The meeting will be held Friday evening, if it can be arranged.

COL. EDUARDO HAY IS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK. Col. Eduardo Hay, former chief of the secret police of Mexico, and recently appointed visitor to the Mexican authorities abroad, arrived Thursday morning from Mexico City and will continue to New York Friday.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERING WOMAN. Luis R. Gomez was arrested about 7 o'clock Wednesday night on the charge of robbing a woman. He is charged with stealing a clock and a bottle of perfume out of a woman's room on Broadway.

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The announcement was made Thursday by M. A. Leach, general manager of manufacturing for the entire Pearson organization, who is here from Pearson. The new general manager has arrived from California and is now in charge of the Pearson plant, the largest lumber mill in the world.

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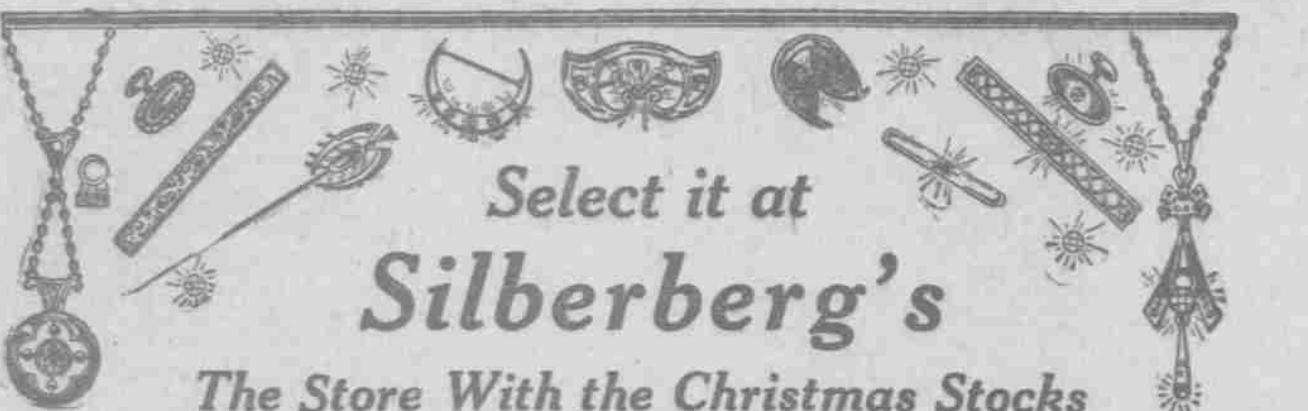
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